



WARWICK CASTLE VIP EXPERIENCES REVEAL EVEN MORE OF THE 1.100-YEAR OLD ATTRACTION: AN IDEAL SPECIAL OCCASION GIFT

- **NEW: CHARACTER BREAKFAST**
- **CHAMPAGNE AFTERNOON TEA**
- **EXPLORE 'BEHIND THE SCENES'**
- **LEARN TO HANDLE BIRDS OF PREY**
- **KNIGHT OR PRINCESS FOR A DAY**
- **KEYS TO THE CASTLE**

28 April, 2014: As [Warwick Castle](#) marks its 1,100th anniversary this year, the attraction unveils a portfolio of seven VIP Experiences, ideal gifts for any special occasion including Father's Day, a wedding anniversary, a milestone birthday, a family celebration or simply a memorable day out. From a gourmet Afternoon Tea served in the splendour of The State Dining Room to being a Knight or Princess for the Day, or having the Keys to the Castle - with an expert personal guide – and learning to handle birds of prey, there is a memorable experience for every special occasion.

Fancy a fry up with Henry VIII? Or boiled eggs with Elizabeth I? New for summer 2014, enjoy exclusive access to the Castle before the Portcullis opens the attraction to the visiting public, for a Character Breakfast for £16.50 per person, including full-day access to the Castle.

Receive the Keys to the Castle for the ultimate day out at the historic site including access to areas closed to the public such as vaulted chambers in Guy's and Caesar's Towers, and exclusive access to areas boasting ancient graffiti and military architecture. The day includes a Secret Door Tour of The State Rooms, following in the footsteps of generations of servants at the Castle, a special Flight of the Eagles birds of prey display and the opportunity to wind the Mighty Trebuchet as it prepares to catapult fireballs across the Castle grounds. With a personal guide for the day – either a member of the History Team or a character such as Ratty Man or The Red Knight - and a bespoke Coat of Arms gift, the day includes parking, a guidebook and reserved seating for the daily shows. Adult: £250, or two adults: £175pp; children (4-11 years) £50; additional adult: £100.

Learn how to handle a Bald or Golden Eagle, the spectacular birds of prey that awe guests twice daily in the Flights of the Eagles displays, with exclusive expert-hosted access to the bird collection half an hour before any other guests arrive. The VIP Experience includes full-day admission to the Castle, a two-course lunch and car parking. Participant: £85; spectator: £35.



The opportunity to spend the day at the Castle as a Knight or a Princess cannot be beaten – and it's a day out designed to thrill children and adults alike: budding knights receive one-to-one swordsmanship training, an outfit to keep and a private tour with a Warwick Castle Knight; aspiring princesses enjoy a private tour of the attraction with a Princess, an exclusive Princess Tower experience and a costume to take home. Both VIP Experiences include full-day entrance to the Castle including Merlin: The Dragon Tower and The Castle Dungeon (for over 10s), a personal welcome upon arrival, free priority parking and all-day dining, a glossy guide to the Castle and a souvenir photograph to take home. Adults: £125; children (4-11 years): £50; additional adult: £75; family of four: £275.

Sneak Behind the Scenes of locked rooms and chambers, usually unseen by visitors, with an expert historian as a guide and focus on areas of interest including social history, the Earls of Warwick, popular myths and legends or battles and sieges. Ideal for those seeking to discover the history of the Castle in more depth, the tour includes full-day entrance, car parking and all-day dining in addition to a personalized Coat of Arms and a souvenir guidebook. Adult: £150; two adults: £112.50pp; children (4-11 years) £50; additional adults £75.

Since spring 2014, guests have enjoyed an exquisite Afternoon Tea in the splendid surroundings of The State Dining Room, a room that has hosted seven reigning monarchs including HM The Queen, foreign heads of state and Hollywood royalty including the legendary Cary Grant and Grace Kelly. Warwick Castle Afternoon Tea is served on Royal Crown Derby fine bone china with specially selected Twinings tea blends complementing an amuse bouche, homemade sandwiches and patisseries. The homemade Millionaire's mousse, a rich caramel mousse, includes a topping of 23 carat gold. Add Taittinger champagne for a very special treat. Served on Sundays and selected Saturdays throughout the year at 1pm and 3.30pm, the Afternoon Tea costs £49pp or £59pp for the Taittinger Afternoon Tea.

To book, call the Warwick Castle VIP Experiences hotline on 0871 265 2000.

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Notes to Editors:

Some daily attractions are seasonal – check www.warwick-castle.com for full schedule.

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Warwick Castle is easily accessible from Junction 15 of the M40, just 40 minutes from Birmingham and 1 hour 40 minutes from London. Warwick Castle is easy to reach by train from London Marylebone in only 86 minutes.

The Castle, set in 60 acres of grounds designed by Capability Brown, rests on the banks of the River Avon at the heart of historic Warwick. Throughout 2014, every show and attraction at Warwick Castle will be re-imagined as part of celebrations to mark the site's 1,100th anniversary.

The Trebuchet Fireball Spectacular, launching this Easter (5 April) features the world's largest working siege engine hurling fireballs further than ever before and towers of flames thirty feet high. The new show, on the banks of the River Avon, is the fiery start to the year-long celebrations and takes place twice daily.

New for March is Afternoon Tea: taken in The State Dining Room from £59pp including Taittinger champagne and a selection of fine teas and patisseries, this is where seven monarchs have been entertained.

New for Easter 2014 is the addition the UK's only free flying Andean Condor and the only one to take part in a show of this kind. With a wingspan of up to 10ft 6in, these birds are the largest bird of prey in the world.

Glamping makes a welcome return to the Castle's riverside meadow this summer (24 May-31 August), now with 41 tents including three new luxury King's Tents and 38 Warwick Tents. Costing from £200 per night for a family of up to six, the price includes breakfast, two-day Castle admission, car parking and entertainment. King's Tents even feature wooden four-poster beds.

Visit www.warwick-castle.com for further information.

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